

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A recording/reproducing mixer, comprising:

- a recording/reproducing device that records and/or reproduces a plurality of audio signals in/from a plurality of tracks;
- a track selector that selects a track of said recording/reproducing device;
- a reader that reads audio signals of the selected track of said recording/reproducing device;
- a mixing device that ~~mixes~~ executes at least one process of equalizing, volume adjustment, and effect addition on the read audio signals;
- a designator that designates a listening mode; and
- an output controller that outputs the read audio signals bypassing said mixing device when the listening mode is designated, and outputs the read audio signals via said mixing device when the listening mode is not designated.

Claim 1 (original): A recording/reproducing mixer according to claim 1, further comprising a read starting position designator that designates a read starting position of audio signals,

wherein said reader starts reading from a position designated by said read starting position designator.

Claim 3 (original): A recording/reproducing mixer according to claim 1, further comprising a position memory that memorizes a read starting position immediately before an operation mode is changed to the listening mode,

wherein said reader starts reading audio signals starting at the read starting position memorized in said position memory, after the listening mode is terminated.

Claim 4 (original): A recording/reproducing mixing method for a mixer having a recording/reproducing device that records and reproduces a plurality of audio signals in/from a plurality of tracks, the method comprising the steps of:

- (a) selecting a track of the recording/reproducing device;
- (b) reading audio signals of the selected track of said recording/reproducing device;
- (c) mixing the read audio signals;
- (d) designating a listening mode; and
- (e) outputting the read audio signals bypassing said mixing device when the listening mode is designated, and outputting the read audio signals via said mixing device when the listening mode is not designated.

Claim 5 (original): A storage medium storing a program, which a computer executes to realize a recording/reproducing mixing process for a mixer having a recording/reproducing device that records and reproduces a plurality of audio signals in/from a plurality of tracks, the process comprising the instructions of:

- (a) selecting a track of the recording/reproducing device;
- (b) reading audio signals of the selected track of said recording/reproducing device;
- (c) mixing the read audio signals;
- (d) designating a listening mode; and

(e) outputting the read audio signals bypassing said mixing device when the listening mode is designated, and outputting the read audio signals via said mixing device when the listening mode is not designated.

Claim 6 (new): A recording mixer, comprising:

- a recording device that records a plurality of audio signals in a plurality of tracks;
- a track selector that selects a track of said recording device;
- a reader that reads audio signals of the selected track of said recording device;
- a processing device that executes at least one process of equalizing, volume adjustment, and effect addition on the read audio signals;
- a designator that designates a listening mode; and
- an output controller that outputs the read audio signals without going through said processing device, so as to listen to the audio signals recorded on the selected track themselves when the listening mode is designated, and outputs the read audio signals with going through said processing device when the listening mode is not designated.

Claim 7 (new): A recording/reproducing mixer, comprising:

- a recording device that records a plurality of audio signals in a plurality of tracks;
- a track selector that selects a track of said recording device;
- a reader that reads audio signals of the selected track of said recording device;
- a processing device that executes at least one process of equalizing, volume adjusting, and effect adding on the read audio signals;
- a first designator that designates a direct listening mode;
- a second designator that designates a processed listening mode; and
- an output controller that outputs the read audio signals without going through said processing device when the direct listening mode is designated, and outputs the read audio signals with going through said processing device when the processed listening mode is designated,

wherein the audio signals recorded on the selected track can be directly listened to in the direct listening mode, and the audio signals processed by the processing device can be listened to in the processed listening mode.